July 1st.

The fermentation seems to be strangely increased; and if it were not for Harry's being here, I would return directly to England; but I confess *I* am unwilling to leave him behind till I know all is settled and quiet. Yet I am assured there can be no danger for us, and that the unpopularity of the Court will not affect private individuals.

The death of the Dauphin prevented my seeing the Queen again. It has been a bitter stroke for her, though she must have expected it. She mourns much and receives no one without absolute necessity. I understand she considers Monsieur as a great cause of the evils now occurring, as it was he who proposed and insisted upon the number of the Tiers Etats' representatives being double that of the other orders, on the plea of its being a larger body. He made a fine flummery speech to the King about the justice of its being so.

Necker is very popular and makes up to the Tiers Etats. Being a Calvinist he has a horror of the French clergy and, being of low

origin,
naturally dislikes the nobles.

The King went to another *seance* of the Etats G6neraux, but was very ill-received, and Mirabeau